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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Farzan Rastinejad et al. :

APPLICATION NO.: 09/443,542 : Examiner: Gregory W. Mitchell

FILING DATE: November 19, 1999 : Group Art Unit: 1617

TITLE: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR :  
RESTORING CONFORMATIONAL  
STABILITY OF A PROTEIN OF THE p53  
FAMILY

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Reply under 37 CFR 1.111

The present Reply is in response to the non-final Official Action of September 22, 2004 whereinby all of the pending claims (Nos. 26-35) remain rejected. Careful consideration has been given to the Examiner's rejections, however Applicant does not believe that any significant narrowing of the claims is necessary or appropriate. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Currently only claims 26-35 are under consideration. Both elected compound species X and the treatment of cancer read on claim 26. No further cancellation of subject matter is appropriate at this time. The "new" rejections seem mostly to be a repeat of previously presented rejections, many of which were presumably withdrawn in view of Applicant's prior remarks.

First (referring to Page 8 of the Official Action) it is stated that the Applicant "admits" the state of the prior art. Although the Patent Office apparently recognizes "that the present invention provides the first demonstration that non-peptide organic compounds can interact with a protein of the p53 family and promote its wild-type activity", the Patent